




#### Healthy Homes Across Agencies.

Forty percent of U.S. homes have at least one significant health or safety hazard that places American families at unnecessary risk for injuries and illness, such as lead poisoning, asthma, carbon monoxide exposure, fire, and lung cancer; fortunately, evidence-based, cost-effective solutions exist. The programs below, provided by multiple government agencies, cover topics including the **comprehensive health and well-being of families, safe and affordable rural housing, and supportive services in conjunction with housing vouchers for veterans**. The diverse HHS, HUD, USDA, and VA programs outlined here demonstrate the healthy housing work being done across agencies. This work also supports and complements other programs and departments across the federal government (e.g., CDC, HHS, HUD, EPA). For more information on why support for all federal healthy homes programming is critical, please **see NCHH's other agency fact sheets**.

<p><b>USDA</b> WIC Program</p>	<p></p> <p>Provides services including health screening, nutrition, breastfeeding, and counseling to <b>low-income women, infants, and children</b>. <b>Screens and refers participants</b> for other health services, including child lead screening.</p>	<p></p> <p>Funded between <b>\$5.8-7 billion (FY10-25)</b>. Available in all <b>50 states, 32 tribal organizations, all five major U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia</b>.</p>	<p></p> <p>WIC services delivered within the first 60 days after birth result in healthcare <b>savings of \$1.77 to \$3.13 for every dollar spent</b>. Reached <b>6.6 million low-income women, infants, and children per month in 2020</b>.</p>
<p><b>USDA</b> Rural Housing Service</p>	<p><b>Lends directly</b> to low-to-moderate-income single-family and multifamily residents to <b>build, buy, or rent safe, affordable housing in rural areas</b>. Also funds community facility programs that prioritize healthcare and education.</p>	<p>Funding increased from <b>\$15 billion (FY10) to \$32.2 billion (FY25)</b>. Works with partners to <b>leverage funding from other sources</b> such as private lenders, nonprofit organizations, and state and local agencies.</p>	<p>In 2018, for <b>every USDA dollar invested, approximately \$4 was invested by public and private partners</b>.</p>
<p><b>HHS</b> Head Start</p>	<p>Delivers services to <b>support the comprehensive health and development of children up to age five</b>. Provides opportunities for <b>home visits and early intervention</b> for children exposed to lead.</p>	<p>Funding increased from <b>\$7.2 billion (FY10) to \$12.3 billion (FY25)</b>.</p>	<p>Provides services to <b>over a million children every year, in every U.S. state and territory</b>. In 2020, approximately <b>59,000 Head Start families received housing assistance</b>, such as subsidies, utilities, and repairs.</p>
<p><b>HUD/VA</b> Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)</p>	<p>Provides <b>housing vouchers and supportive services, such as healthcare, to veterans and their families experiencing homelessness</b> to obtain permanent housing in privately owned units.</p>	<p>Funding <b>decreased from \$75 million (FY10) to \$15 million (FY25)</b>.</p>	<p>In 2023, VA and HUD partnered to <b>permanently house over 46,000 homeless veterans</b>, surpassing the calendar year goal by 22.5%. The number of veterans experiencing homelessness has <b>fallen by 5% since 2020 and by 52% since 2010</b>.</p>